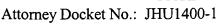
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed January 14, 2005, a Request for Continued Examination is filed herein. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, January 24, 2005, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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